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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/753,069
Filed: January 8, 2004
For: Systems and Methods for Trading Actively Managed Funds
Inventor: Weber et al.
Our Ref: 00322.0008.CNUS01

Sir:

Applicant submits the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Information Disclosure Statement (4 pages);
2. PTO Form SB/08a (4pages) with 13 references; and
3. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

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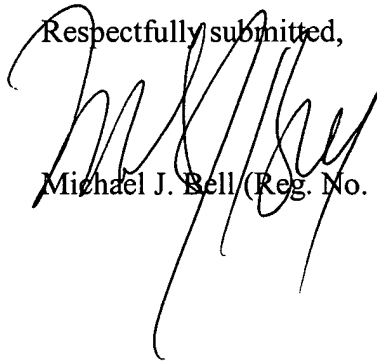
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No. 08-3038, referencing the above docket number. *A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicants have checked the appropriate boxes below.

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- ☐ 6. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document(s) appears below:
- ✓ 7. The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/536,258, filed 03/27/2000, 09/536,663, filed 03/27/2000, 09/815,589, filed 03/23/2001 and 10/174,505, filed 06/17/2002 which are directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of this U.S. Patent Application is not

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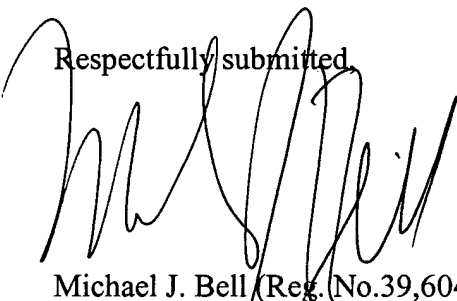
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Copies of the documents Cited Nos. 19-27, 31 and 32 were cited by or submitted to the Office in Application No. 09/536,663, filed March 27, 2000, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, copies of these documents are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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